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A Christmas Message

A little boy was admitted to a hospital for the first time. To be efficient, during the evening the nurse called to him through the intercom. "Johnny are you listening? I have a question to ask you." There was only silence. Again, the nurse called, "Johnny, please answer me." Finally, a frightened little voice responded, "What do you want, Wall?"

This Christmas we find our hospital . . . and our country . . . in a constant state of growth and change. Technology moves faster than some of us can possibly comprehend. But, we ask that each of you keeps sight of the purpose of our work here . . . not just to repair a heart or replace a kidney but to comfort and mend a human being.

At this Christmas time and throughout the year, we urge that each employee continues to perform with compassion, keeping in mind always the often frightened human being with whom we are working and that we share our love along with our skills.

God bless you all!

FRESHMEN TAKE PART IN CANDLELIGHTING CEREMONY. *Sixty-five members of the class of 1977 marched into the Joslin Auditorium on October 18 at 8 P.M. to take part in the NEDH School of Nursing candlelighting ceremony. The ceremony symbolizes for the freshmen their "formal initiation" into nursing and is when they appear wearing their school uniforms for the first time.Chaplain Martin E. Cernek gave the invocation, followed by greetings from Executive Vice President R. D. Lowry. After an explanation by Miss Ellen D. Howland, Director of Nursing, of the responsibilities inherent in wearing a uniform and an interpretation of the symbolism of the ceremony, the students advanced to the stage to receive their student pins and lighted candles. Miss Howland was assisted in the ceremony by Miss Joan Randle, Associate Director of the School, and Nancy Stromberg, Student Council President. Pictured at the ceremony are: (l. - r.) Miss Howland, Joan M. Fitzpatrick, and Kerry D. Connor.*

Mr. Giroux named manager of employee relations

Mr. Robert F. Giroux has been appointed Manager of the Employee Relations Department at the New England Deaconess Hospital. He is replacing Mr. Francis Mathews who resigned on September 27. Mr. Giroux is responsible for employee relations matters throughout the hospital including such functions as employment, salary administration, benefits administration, personnel records and training.

Mr. Giroux has been in the field of employee relations for over 10 years. For the past five years he was manager of personnel services at Harvard University. Prior to his employment at Harvard he was manager of compensation and personnel manager for the marketing division of Honeywell's computer control division in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Robert F. Giroux

Upon graduation from Boston College, where he received a B.S. in Science, Mr. Giroux was commissioned as an officer in the Navy, serving on active duty for six years both on a destroyer and as an Assistant Professor of Naval Science at Brown University. Mr. Giroux is a Commander in the Naval Reserve and spends one weekend a month commanding a reserve destroyer based in Newport, Rhode Island.

Mr. Giroux lives in Wellesley with his wife Annette, a former guidance counselor, and sons Robbie, 4, and David, 2.

Roxbury Dental and Medical Group receives grant

The Roxbury Dental and Medical Group, Inc., a community owned and directed health care center, has been awarded a grant of $224,840 by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The grant will provide support toward the start up costs of the center's expanded primary care program in Roxbury when it moves to its new and enlarged office and ambulatory treatment facility at 185 Dudley Street early next year.

For the past five years, the Roxbury Dental and Medical Group, which was initiated by physicians from the New England Deaconess Hospital and has had the continuing support of the hospital, has delivered care to 13,000 patients each year in its original "store front" facility at 26 Warren Street. The new building designed for greater and more efficient delivery of health services will be located just around the corner.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is an independent philanthropy established in 1936 by General Robert Wood Johnson, who devoted his life to public service. The Foundation is located in Princeton, New Jersey.

Drs. Warren and Knox attend international cancer congress

Drs. Shields Warren, pathology, and W. Eugene Knox, CRI, were delegates from the CRI-NEDH to the General Assembly of the International Union Against Cancer (UICC, Union Internationale Contre le Cancer) at the XI International Cancer Congress held in Florence, Italy, October 20-26. There were ten other important United States research institutes and national agencies concerned with cancer (for example, the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and American Cancer Society, Inc.) that were similarly represented by delegates.

The General Assembly meets every four years in conjunction with the scientific exchanges going on at the Congress, in order to plan and support world-wide efforts to improve cancer control that will be carried out by governments and other agencies during the interim periods. Seventy-eight countries besides the United States are represented in the UICC. Its parallel to the United Nations is apparent, but with one difference: its efforts on behalf of people generally to improve cancer control have never been vetoed by delegates from any country.

At the Congress, Dr. Warren presented a paper entitled "Parabiosis, Radiation and Carcinogenesis in the Rat." Mrs.Edith S. Lenneberg, of the Cancer Rehabilitation Unit of CRI, also attended the Congress and presented a paper, "An Experiment in Comprehensive Rehabilitation of Patients with Abdominal Stomata."

MRS. BETTY SAMPSON RETIRES. *Harris Hall has been missing the friendly face that graced its hallway for 23 years as Mrs. Betty Sampson retired on October 16. When she joined the hospital 23 years ago, she spent a few months as a maid and then was promoted to supervisor of building services at Harris Hall. Mrs. Sampson and her staff of six have been responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of Harris Hall. They are the reasons the rooms sparkle and the floors shine. An extremely active person, she does not intend to spend her retirement leisurely. "I'll take a rest first, then I'll be visiting my family." Free time revolves around her three daughters, Frances, Annabell, and Mary, and son Thomas, all with families of their own, totalling 16 grandchildren. Mrs. Sampson is pictured at her retirement party held in Harris Hall with Joseph E. Doherty, manager of building services.*

Service award luncheon honors employees

At the service award luncheon held October 16 in the Riverway Restaurant, Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Vice President, greeted award recipients and effectively reminded them and members of administration how fast time passes.

"Five years ago we completed the steel work on the Farr building, and the parking situation was the biggest headache of the year," Mr. Lowry reminisced. "Ten years ago Dr. Tullis was appointed chairman of the department of medicine. We bought Norwich House and started a pension plan 15 years ago. Twenty years ago a two-million volt X-ray machine arrived. And 30 years ago Miss Ellen Adams came to the Deaconess. She was the first director of personnel and the originator of the PULSE."

There were many in the audience who could remember these events very well.

Award recipients for 20 years of service were: (l. - r.) Mary G. MacRitchie, intravenous therapy; Florence A. McCarthy, nursing service; Parthenia Cofield and Edgar Fairweather, building services. Not pictured is Margaret M. McLean, health clinic.

Pictured with Executive Vice President R. D. Lowry (far left) and Director Richard E. Lee (far right) are those receiving awards for 10 years of service: (l.- r.) James Dillahunt, building services; Irma A. Kellner, volunteer services; Dr. James L. Tullis, chairman of the department of medicine.

Five-year service award recipients were: (sitting l. - r.) Ann C. Hurley, nursing service; Valerie J. Moore, surgical services; Joan Stevenson, credit union; and Patricia H. Heckel, accounting; (standing l. - r.) Lubomir B. Szumski, credit union; Modesto Gonzalez, laundry; Mario P. Leyva, building services; Raymond W. Carlson, maintenance and engineering; and James Sommerville, surgical services.

Congratulating Miss Ellen Adams, associate director of the hospital, for 30 years of service are Director Richard E. Lee (l.) and Executive Vice President R. D. Lowry. Not pictured is Lucinda F. Bartlett, nursing service, another 30 year award recipient.

Fifteen-year award recipients were: (l. - r.) Mary T. Hennessey, patient services; Margaret Blackshaw, Medical Office Building; James C. Lussier, maintenance and engineering; and Richard E. Lee, director of the hospital. Not pictured is Herbert E. Anderson, maintenance and engineering.

Five-year service award recipients were: (sitting l. - r.) Constance Donovan, nursing service; Pamela L. Gostanian, dietary; Ruth Langloise, dietary; and Janet M. Silin, nursing service; (standing l. - r.) Dr. Melvin E. Clouse, diagnostic radiology; Rose Marie Salah, chemistry; Elizabeth A. Rossvall, building services; A. Eleanor Murphy, dietary; and Donna Walsh, chemistry. Not pictured are: Jane E. DeJoie, histology; Elizabeth A. Dunbar, nursing service; Helen R. Fardy, chemistry; Anne E. Gleason, nursing service; Janet S. Hamilton, School of Nursing; Macy Harris, nursing service; Patrick J. McDonagh, building services; Ann M. Reilly, observation unit; Winsome Roomes, nursing service; Gayle E. Tarpinian, chemistry; and Nancy L. Whitehead, nursing service.

Only 20 more shopping days till Christmas . . .

Less than three weeks until Christmas. What to get Uncle Harry, Aunt Betty, the kids, the mailman . . . the list goes on. When the list is long, but the budget is short, what may be needed are a few helpful and economical shopping tips.

It is not necessary to go to the most expensive and exclusive stores in Boston to find that perfect gift. Shop the bazaars – the Annual NEDH Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Friends of the Deaconess and the School of Nursing, is held December 6 in the Farr lobby. Bargains can be had on arts and crafts items, baked goods, books, clothes, and toys. And, there is always the Deaconess Gift Shop for those special items.

For unusual and inexpensive gifts, go to lab supply companies for glass goods. You can fill small glass flasks with herbs, spices, dried nuts, seeds, or grains from the local grocery or health food store. Big beakers make elegant decanters or juice jugs.

If the object of your affection is an art lover, check the museums (Boston has plenty of them) for color prints of famous paintings which are mounted and framed; a butterfly or other insect specimen; mineral samples; or shells. Ask local schools for the names of arts and crafts students or teachers who make items for sale. (Massachusetts College of Art is across the street and filled with talented students.)

Be creative by adding your personal touch to a gift. Give a do-it-yourself "kit." For example, fill a bread basket with a bottle of Chianti, a box of spaghetti, and your favorite recipe for meat sauce. Or assemble the ingredients for a terrarium – a pot, dome, bag of dirt, and small plants from the "five and ten." Terrariums can last for years, whereas many Christmas presents last only days.

Let your aunt, son, or neighbor make their own Christmas presents by giving a decoupage kit, art supplies, yarn, or whatever matches their favorite hobbies.

Make the gift yourself. Recipes abound for holiday candies and cakes. This time of year homemaking magazines have many clever ideas for presents ranging from cookies to crafts. Candles can be made in a day. You can knit a scarf or mittens while watching television or waiting for the bus.

A gift of service couldn't be more generous and is always appreciated. Make up a gift certificate to be redeemed for some personal service like doing the dishes or laundry, shoveling the driveway, or babysitting your favorite neighbor's children.

If you find that you must head for Boston's shopping district, here are some words to the wise. Don't carry a lot of cash when you shop and don't flash it around. Watch your wallet or purse in a crowd, whether you are in the store, on the street, or on the MBTA. Count your change after you've made your purchase – salespeople may be too rushed to count it for you. When using a charge card, keep an eye on it. Be careful of careless clerks who might take your card and give you somebody else's or crooked ones who might use your card to run off several phony sales slips before you sign. After the clerk gives you your packages, look inside to see if they contain everything you bought. If you must put your packages in the car, put them in the trunk, not in the back seat to tempt thieves.

Good shopping habits pay off at any time of the year. Compare prices and quality, read labels, ask questions – you'll keep costs down while buying gifts worth giving.

CRI sponsors oncology seminars

The Cancer Research Institute, under the direction of Dr. William V. McDermott, Jr., is sponsoring a series of seminars on the newer aspects of the etiology, biology, and treatment of cancer.

"We are trying to develop a focal point in the hospital for the exchange of information on oncology," reports Dr. McDermott. In addition to his position as Scientific Director of CRI, Dr. McDermott is also the Cheever Professor of Surgery at Harvard and Director of the Harvard Surgical Service.

The seminars are held in the Joslin Auditorium on the first Monday of every month at 3:30 P.M. Dr. Stanley E. Order, Chairman of the Department of Radiation Therapy at NEDH and Dr. Robert C. Knapp, Associate Director of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Beth Israel Hospital, opened the series on October 7 with the topic "Heterologous Antibodies in Ovarian Cancer – Experimental and Clinical Studies." On November 4, John M. Yuhas, Ph.D., biologist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, discussed "Interactions of Radiation and Viruses in Carcinogenesis." Other speakers include Dr. Herman Suit, Professor of Radiotherapy at Massachusetts General Hospital, speaking on "C. Pavum Mediated Tumor Graft Rejection Studied in Three Animal Tumor Models," and Dr. Bernard Fisher, Professor of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, lecturing on breast cancer.

All staff and employees of the Deaconess are invited to the seminars. The program is of special interest to scientists, clinicians, surgeons, radiologists, immunologists, chemotherapists, and any physician interested in the subject of cancer.

MRS. MILDRED F. CURRIE RETIRES. *After nearly 29 years at the Deaconess, Mrs. Mildred F. Currie retired on October 29 as head nurse on Farr 11. Upon graduation from Grace General Hospital in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, Mrs. Currie worked as a staff nurse in Canada for a few years before joining the New England Deaconess Hospital. She later became assistant night supervisor and since that time has held the positions of head nurse on Palmer 2, Baker 5, and Central 3. When the addition to the Central building was completed, Mrs. Currie became the head nurse on Farr 11 where she has done a superb job of maintaining her customary high standards for the nursing care given to patients. She and her husband, Arnold, will leave Boston this month to set up a new home in Venice, Florida. Mrs. Currie is pictured holding a 400 Day Anniversary clock presented to her on behalf of the hospital and her many friends here by Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Vice President, at her retirement party held on October 29 in Harris Hall.*

Alpha Credit Union — 6% on savings

Good news for the thrifty! The Alpha Credit Union has raised its dividends on savings accounts from 5½% to 6%. The effective annual interest rate is 6.10%. The increase affects all of the credit union's 1600 members.

Employees may join the credit union at any time, but cannot borrow money until they have been employed for six months. Deposits can be made through payroll deductions or voluntary payments. All loans are subject to review by the credit committee before the loan is issued.

The Alpha Credit Union is located on Baker 1 and is open from Monday to Friday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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The New England Deaconess Hospital is a 482-bed and 16-building complex. Physicians from the Joslin Clinic, the Lahey Clinic, Overholt Thoracic Clinic and the independent medical and surgical staffs serve the needs of their patients at the hospital. The Deaconess is internationally known for diagnosis, treatment and research in brain and chest surgery, cancer, diabetes and general medicine.

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Holiday Calendar

DECEMBER 6
Friends of the Deaconess – School of Nursing Annual Christmas Bazaar.
Farr Lobby at 9 A.M.

DECEMBER 11
NEDH School of Nursing Glee Club Concert.
Joslin Auditorium at 8 P.M.

DECEMBER 15
Friends of the Deaconess Open House.
Farr Lobby from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.

DECEMBER 16
Miss Howland's Christmas Tea.
Harris Hall from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

DECEMBER 20
Employee Christmas Party.
Cafeteria from 2:30 P.M. to 4 P.M.

DECEMBER 25
Employee Christmas Dinner.
Cafeteria from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Contact Employee Relations for reservations.

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